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for the year

1960.

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To:- The Chairman and Members of the
Ashby Woulds Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have honour in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1960.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has again decreased, from 3320 in 1959 to 3300 in 1960.

The birth rate (16.1) is higher than last year (11.8) and lower than that for England and Wales (17.1)

The death rate (12.7) is slightly higher than last year (12.6) and higher than that for England and Wales (11.5)

Again as for many years past the chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

There has been further damage to Council water mains throughout the district and slight damage to Council Houses in the Sweethill area, due to mining subsidence.

Efforts have been made to maintain satisfactory effluents from the three sewage disposal works in the district.

Consultant Engineers are preparing a further report dealing with the serious overloading etc., at the Donisthorpe Lane Works and are also investigating the sewerage and sewage disposal works at Albert Village.

Two houses have been erected by private enterprise and six were under construction by private enterprise at the end of the year.

The number of applications for Council Houses is 89 and the number received during the year was 23.

The general standard of hygiene in the shops and canteens in the district is very satisfactory.

Good progress continues to be made in the implementing of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

I am pleased that the number of children receiving immunisation against Whooping Cough and Diphtheria is much higher.

There were 10 cases of infectious disease of which 1 was Measles, 1 Scarlet Fever, 1 Erysipelas, 3 Dysentery and 4 Whooping Cough.

The case of Scarlet Fever was fairly serious and admitted to hospital. The cases of Dysentery were not severe but occassioned a good deal of investigation in which I am heavily indebted to Mr.Ford, and am pleased to record the helpful co-operation of all the people concerned.

Only one case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year.

It is a pleasure to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Council, the Public Health Department of the County Council and the General Practitioners in the locality for their help and co-operation.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr. H.H. Ford the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector for his valuable assistance throughout the year.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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SECTION 'A'.

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area of District in Acres.	2427.
Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1960	3300.
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of ~~1959~~.	1088.
Rateable Value	£57,593.
Sum Represented by a penny rate (Estimated)..	£236.
Comparability - Births	0.98.
- Deaths	1.23.

The chief industries of the district are: Engineering; Agriculture; Coal Mining; Earthenware and Clay Working. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the district. The district is affected by mining subsidence, but prompt attention to the damage to mains and sewers has caused little danger to health and inconvenience to the area.

There are three Recreation Grounds in the Urban District with a total acreage of 12½ acres. Plans have been formulated for the improvement of Children's playing facilities at the Occupation Road Recreation Ground, Albert Village, in the near future.

Vital Statistics.

(Figures in brackets are those for England and Wales.)

Live Births	54.
Live Birth Rate	16.1 (17.1)
Still Births	0.
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	0. (19.7)
Total Births..	54.
Infant Deaths	1.
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	18.5(21.7)
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Births	18.7.
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Births ..	0.
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related live Births.	18.5(15.6)
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (first week) per 1,000 related live Births	18.5.
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Still and Early Neo-natal Mortality Combined) per 1,000 total live and still births	18.5.
Percentage of Illegitimate Live Births	1.8.
Maternal Deaths including Abortion	0.
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1,000 Total Births ..	0. (0.39)

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	Males.	Females.	Total.
ive Births - Legitimate	22.	31.	53.
Illegitimate	0.	1.	1.
Total.	22.	32.	54.
till Births - Legitimate	0.	0.	0.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.
Total.	0.	0.	0.

otal Births (Live and Still) .. .. .54.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
eaths	22.	12.	34.

eath Rate per 1,000 of population .. .. 12.7(11.5)

Causes of Death during ~~1959.~~ 1960.

Causes of Death.	All ages. M.	F.	Total.
ıfective and Parasitic Diseases	1.	0.	1.
alignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	0.	1.	1.
ther Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	2.	2.	4.
ascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	3.	1.	4.
ronary Disease, Angina	3.	1.	4.
rpertension with Heart Disease	1.	0.	1.
ther Heart Diseases	1.	2.	3.
ther Circulatory Diseases	2.	0.	2.
ıeumonia	1.	0.	1.
onchitis	3.	0.	3.
ther Diseases of the Respiratory System	0.	1.	1.
perplasia of Prostate	1.	0.	1.
ngenital Malformations	0.	1.	1.
ther Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	2.	2.	4.
l Other Accidents	1.	0.	1.
icide.	1.	1.	2.
TOTALS.	22.	12.	34.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	0.	1.	1.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.
	0.	1.	1.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	0.	1.	1.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.
	0.	1.	1.

Early Neo-natal Deaths:-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	0.	1.	1.
Illegitimate	0.	0.	0.
	0.	1.	1.

Chief Causes of Death During ~~1959~~ 1960.

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation	13.
Malignant Neoplasm (Cancer)	5.
Diseases of the Respiratory System	5.

SECTION 'B'

General Provisions of the Health Service in the Area.

Hospitals.

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When their residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every 2nd. and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Measham Road, Moira. The Ante-natal Clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board.

Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Rawdon Colliery.

Nursing in the Home.

All district Nursing and Midwifery is under the control of the County Council.

Health Visiting.

This work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in this area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes on request.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory at the Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

Examinations performed as certified by the Public Health Laboratory.

Nose and Throat Swabs	23.
Sputa	22.
Milks	39.
Ice Creams..	51.

Generally there is co-operation between the local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and Hospital Boards and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION 'C'.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the whole district was satisfactory in quality and quantity. 30 Samples of treated water were submitted for bacteriological examination and found satisfactory.

Sewage Disposal.

The general standard has been maintained and reports of samples have indicated a slight improvement. A further report re the Donisthorpe Lane Works is awaited from the Council's Consulting Engineers who are also investigating the sewerage and sewage disposal at Albert Village.

Sewers.

In a district which is badly affected by subsidence it is suprising that sewers and drains continue to function as well as they do. Troubles were mainly of a minor nature and were attended to immediately.

The whole sewage system was baited to indicate the degree of rat infestation. Only a small number of takes were recorded and these manholes were then poison baited until rats were eradicated.

Closet Accommodation.

The total number in the district on 31st. December, 1960.

Privies	0.
Pail Closets	31.
W/C's	1067.
Number of Conversions to water carriage system..	2.

Pail Closets are emptied weekly by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine; privies and cess-pools as necessary. Contents are taken to the sewage works for treatment.

Public Cleansing.

The whole district is covered weekly by use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Freighter. The bonus incentive scheme continues to work satisfactorily. The new tip at Haywoods Yard has been in use just over 3 years and is providing satisfactory tipping facilities for refuse. Sealing down of the tip has been done by a local contrac with adjacent overburden.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

1. Total number of complaints	142.
2. Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	64.
3. Total number of nuisances or defects dealt with in (2)	93.

Inspections Made:-

	Number of Inspections.
Animal Keeping	7.
Bakehouses	19.
Dairies	0.
Drainage Works	86.
Dwelling Houses	385.
Infectious Diseases (Enquiries)	8.
Food Poisoning (Enquiries)..	0.
Food Premises	104.
Offensive Trade..	0.
Refuse Collection And Disposal	120.
Rodent Control	31.
Schools	5.
Shops	64.
Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection	186.
Smoke Control	6.
Tents, Vans and Sheds.	41.
Verminous and Dirty Premises	0.
Water Supply..	112.
Factories and Workshops..	96.
Other Inspections	34.
TOTAL.	1304.

Notices.

Preliminary :-

	Housing.	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1960	9.	0.
Issued during the year.	14.	7.
Completed during the year.	23.	7.
Outstanding on 31st. December. 1960	0.	0.

Statutory:-

	Housing	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st. January, 1960	0.	0.
Issued during the year	0.	9.
Complied with during the year	0.	0.
Outstanding on 31st December, 1960	0.	9.

Summary of Action.

Summons Issued .. .. NIL.

Shops.

Particulars of action taken during the year under Provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950:-

	Outstanding from Previous Years.	Defects Found	Defects Remedied	Outstanding 31st. December.
Lighting.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Sanitary Conveniences.	1.	2.	1.	1.
Washing Facilities.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Facilities for taking meals.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Temperature.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Ventilation.	0.	0.	0.	0.

Camping Sites.

There are no registered camping sites in the Urban District but 6 licences have been issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for moveable dwellings.

The Pet Animals Act.

No action taken.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No action taken.

Swimming Baths and Pools Open to the Public.

There are no Public Swimming Baths in the District.

Rodent Control.

The part-time Council Rodent Operator dealt with all cases of infestations reported and inspects the whole district monthly.

The rat population at the Council's refuse tip temporarily increased but with extra concentration their numbers were gradually decreased and kept within control.

SECTION 'D'.

New Houses.

Houses Completed.	Type.	
	Prefabricated	Permanent.
Local Authority.	NIL.	NIL.
Private Enterprise.	NIL.	2.
Houses in Course of erection at 31st. December by Local Authority.	NIL.	NIL.
- ditto - Private Enterprise.	NIL.	6.

Number of Post War Houses Completed by:-

Local Authority .. .. 222.
Private Enterprise .. .. 44.

Number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year .. 89.
Number of applications received during the year .. .. .. 23.

Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in the district .. 1088.

Total number of Council Houses occupied in the district 353.

Number unoccupied due to Mining Subsidence... .. 1.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 as amended by House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which applications for 'DISCRETIONARY GRANTS' have been made and are awaiting approval .. 14.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

The following particulars are a summary of details of 'STANDARD GRANT' applications to the 31st, December, 1960.

Number of applications received	8.
Number of applications with-drawn	1.
Number of Houses Improved.	6.
Number of Houses awaiting completion..	1.
Total grants paid.	£498.-8s.-9d.
Average cost per house	£ 83.-1s.-1d.

SECTION 'E'.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Ice-cream.

Number of Premises registered.

Manufacture and Retail	NIL.
Manufacture only.	NIL.
Retail only	8.

Number of Samples taken .. .. 51.

Results.

Grade 1.	42.	Grade 2.	8.
Grade 3.	1.	Grade 4.	NIL.

Milk Supply.

Dairies and Distributors.

	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.
Dairies	NIL.	NIL.
Distributors..	6.	NIL.

Biological Milk Samples taken .. .. NIL.
Bacteriological Milk Samples taken.. .. .. .. NIL.

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Particulars of licences issued:-

Dealer licences	NIL.
Supplementary licences	6.

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Milk Regulations, 1949.

Particulars of licences issued:-

	Pasteurised.	Sterilised.
Dealer licences	NIL.	NIL.
Supplementary licences ..	4.	3.

Meat and Other Food.

Slaughtering.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed.	51.	4.	2.	445.	12.	NIL.
Number inspected.	51.	4.	2.	445.	12.	NIL.
All diseases except Tuberculosis.						
Whole carcases condemned,	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	6.	1..	NIL.	10.	NIL.	NIL.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other then Tuberculosis or Cysticerci.	12%	25%.	NIL.	22%.	NIL.	NIL.
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
Cysticercosis.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.
Generalised and totally condemned.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

Number of Slaughterhouses in the Area	2.
Number of animals Slaughtered in the Area	514.
Number of animals examined therein	514.
Number of inspections of the meat at the time of Slaughter ..	514.
Number of Knacker Yards in the Area..	NIL.

Meat Stalls including Mobile Shops..	5.
Number of Inspections	7.
Meat Shops, Stores etc	3.
Number of Inspections	45.

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.

Number of Inspections	10.

Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

The standard of hygiene in certain shops etc., is exceptionally good, and owners, managers and staffs are most co-operative in endeavouring to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

Number of premises inspected	22.
Number of inspections made for the purpose	104.
Number of informal notices served..	5.
Number of informal notices complied with	5.
Number of informal notices outstanding on 31st December	NIL.
Number of formal notices served	NIL.
Number of formal notices complied with	NIL.
Number of formal notices outstanding on 31st. December	NIL.

SECTION 'F'.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Disease.

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1960.

Diseases	Final Numbers after Correction	Cases admitted To Hospital.	Deaths
Measles	1.	0.	0.
Scarlet Fever.	1.	1.	0.
Erysipelas.	1.	0.	0.
Dysentery.	3.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	4.	0.	0.
TOTAL.	10.	1.	0.

Analysis under Age Groups according to the Registrar General's Return 118d.

ge Groups.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Erysipelas.	Dysentery
ler 1 year	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
o 2 years	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
o 3 years	0.	0.	1.	0.	0.
o 4 years	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
o 5 years	0.	1.	0.	0.	0.
o 9 years	0.	0.	3.	0.	1.
to 15 years	0.	0.	0.	0.	1.
to 24 years	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.
and over	0.	0.	0.	1.	1.
and over	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS	1.	1.	4.	1.	3.

Dysentery Outbreak.

In February a 10 year old boy who was rather ill with arrhoea was found to be suffering from Sonne' Dysentery.

It was decided to visit the school he attended in the ea. It was soon evident that there had been a wide spread tbreak of mild diarrhoea for the past 3 months.

A canteen worker from the same school was found to be suffering om the disease . She had evidently acquired the illness after e first case took ill.

None of the cases were severe and the carrier state in l the cases eventually cleared.

munisations against Diphtheria.

Number of children who were immunised during the period t. January to 31st. December, 1960.

Age at. 31-12-60.	Born in Year.	Primary Immunisation.	Booster Injections.
der 1	1960.	9.	0.
1 year.	1959.	36.	0.
2 "	1958.	3.	0.
3 "	1957.	2.	0.
4. "	1956.	1.	4.
5. "	1955.	2.	22.
6. "	1954.	1.	10.
7. "	1953.	0.	1.
8. "	1952.	1.	0.
9. "	1951.	0.	0.
10. "	1950.	0.	0.
11. "	1949.	0.	2.
12. "	1948.	0.	2.
	TOTALS	55.	41.

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Tuberculosis Register for the year ending 31st. December 1960.

	Males.		Females.		Totals.
	Pul.	Non-pul.	Pul.	Non-pul.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	4.	3.	6.	0.	13.
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year.	1.	0.	0.	0.	1.
Number of cases added to Register other than by formal notification.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases restored to Register.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of the year.	5.	3.	6.	0.	14.

There is free co-operation between Local Authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, re-housing or in employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and General Practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act.

Resume of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1960, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2.	28.	2.
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	11.	56.	1.
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	4.	12.	0.
TOTAL	17.	96.	3.

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Found	Remedied.
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2.	2.

3. Part 8 of the Act. Outwork (section 110 and 111).

There are NO current entries in the Register of Outworkers.